

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Tucker on 10/19/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

On line 2 of claim 1, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence"

On line 12 of claim 1, delete "which will be"

On line 13 of claim 1, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence"

On lines 1-2 of claim 2, delete "RSTP-based" and replace with "Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol-based (RSTP-based)"

On line 14 of claim 15, delete "which will be"

On line 15 of claim 15, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence".

On line 3 of claim 32, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence"

On line 13 of claim 32, delete "will be used".

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 15, 17-20, & 28-34 are allowed. Please refer to applicant's argument for details of the differences between the prior art and applicant's claim language

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert W. Wilson whose telephone number is 571/272-3075.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).